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## LIBYA COUNTRY PROFILE

2012



*Two members of H<sub>2</sub>O, a Libyan youth group supported by USAID, train university students on the different steps in Libya's transition to democracy. (Photo: Chemonics)*

### EXAMPLES OF OUR IMPACT

- A USAID-supported organization disseminated educational materials illustrating the phases of Libya's transition to 8,200 Libyans.
- A USAID-supported women's group reached 23,000 Libyans with an outreach campaign that promoted reconciliation and unity
- USAID provided funding for 10 Libyan government officials and civil society representatives to study constitutional development processes in other countries.

### OVERVIEW

USAID provides assistance to the Libyan people as they strive to build a democratic future. USAID programs bolster the administrative capacities of interim governing authorities by providing expertise on governance issues and on the implementation of transitional political processes. USAID also



strengthens emergent media outlets and civil society organizations, builds linkages between the government and its citizens, and supports civic education and reconciliation. USAID is particularly focused on engaging marginalized populations, youth, and women, and increasing opportunities

for their voices to be heard and their interests to be considered in decision-making that will shape Libya's future.

### PROGRAMS

#### DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

USAID has committed \$5 million toward the Libya Transition Initiative, which aims to support critical aspects of the transition process, strengthen reconciliation, and encourage productive linkages between citizens and their government. For example, USAID sponsored the first national workshop on comparative constitutional development processes, attended by 40 representatives from civil society organizations, the transitional government, and political parties.

USAID has also supported efforts to raise awareness among the Libyan population about the democratic transition and political process. For example, a USAID-supported youth organization distributed an illustration of the core components of the Libyan democratic transition at youth events, on university campuses, and on billboards and public transport. USAID also provided a grant to a young women's organization to initiate a campaign that encourages fighters to return to civilian life.

To support reconciliation, USAID provided funding to a women's group to launch an outreach campaign entitled "The Price of Freedom" to promote unity and forgiveness through television, radio, social networking, and more than 50 local councils around the country.

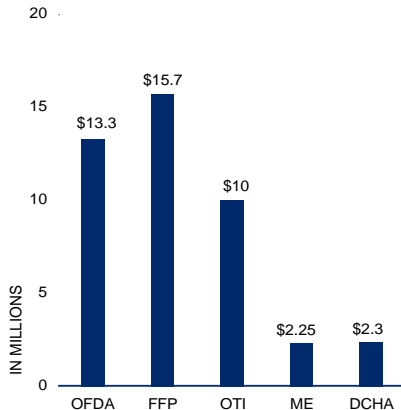


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### USAID ASSISTANCE TO LIBYA (FY 2011)



Total USAID funding for FY 2011 was \$43.5 million. These funds were provided from the following bureaus, offices, and programs: Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), Food For Peace (FFP), Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), Middle East Bureau (ME), Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), and the African Diaspora Marketplace (ADM).

For more information, see the  
FY 2012 Congressional Budget Justification  
<http://www.usaid.gov/policy/budget/>

USAID is also strengthening the capacity of Libya's media by technical support to establish Tripoli's first free media center, which includes an auditorium, training rooms, and an Internet café.

### WAR WOUNDED

In the fall of 2011, USAID led interagency efforts to coordinate the medical evacuation of injured revolutionary fighters to the United States for treatment. This treatment, paid for by the Government of Libya, included surgical procedures, physical rehabilitation, and psycho-social counseling. In addition, USAID also facilitated Libyan Government contacts with US-based medical supply companies, working in cooperation with the U.S.-Libyan Business Association. Through these contacts, medical supply companies delivered spare parts for MRI, CAT scans, and ventilators and reagents for laboratories during the critical period just after the end of the revolution. Currently, USAID, at the request of the Libyan Ministries of Health and Social Affairs, is providing technical assistance aimed at improving rehabilitative services in Libya, specifically for war wounded returning from treatment abroad and in improving the capacity of the Ministries to manage rehabilitation centers. In addition, USAID is working with the Ministries to assist them in identifying opportunities to send skilled Libyan health or social services staff to the U.S. for further technical education.

### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

In response to the complex emergency in Libya in 2011, USAID contributed nearly \$29 million of the more than \$91 million in USG humanitarian assistance. USAID distributed emergency relief supplies to conflict-affected and vulnerable populations and provided emergency health and trauma kits. USAID also supported health interventions in Libya, in addition to supporting the World Health Organization emergency health response.

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